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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Note by the Bureau of the Fifth Committee

1. In accordance with the resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly and decisions taken by the Fifth Committee, the present document contains a listing of the questions that were to have been considered by the Fifth Committee during the third part of its resumed fifty-first session, to be held from 8 to 12 September 1997.

2. The Bureau has been informed that owing to time constraints a number of reports would not be issued in time for the Fifth Committee's consideration during the resumed session. Accordingly, based on the availability of documentation, the Bureau recommends that the Fifth Committee focus its attention during the resumed session on the questions listed in annex I and defer the questions listed in annex II for consideration by the Fifth Committee during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly.

3. In the light of the above, the proposed programme of work set out below is suggested for the consideration of the Fifth Committee during its resumed session.

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PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK

Monday, 8 September 1997

Plenary

10 a.m. Organization of work

Item 115 Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

- Report of the High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations

Item 116 Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997

- Construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa

Item 118 Pattern of conferences

- Facilitating access by developing countries to the optical disk system

Item 119 Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

- Procedural aspects of the consideration of requests for exemption under Article 19 (see General Assembly resolution 51/212 A)

Item 112 Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

- Report of the Secretary-General on the jurisdictional and procedural mechanisms for the proper management of the resources and funds of the United Nations

- Report of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/218 A on jurisdictional and procedural mechanisms for the proper management of the resources and funds of the United Nations

followed by:

Informal consultations

Item 112 Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

- Gratis personnel

Informal consultations

3 p.m. Item 141 Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Tuesday, 9 September

Informal consultations

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Informal consultations

3 p.m. Item 112 Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

- Strengthening of external oversight mechanisms

Wednesday, 10 September

Informal consultations

10 a.m. Item 112 Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

- Gratis personnel

Informal consultations

3 p.m. Item 141 Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

6.30 p.m. Item 112 Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

- Gratis personnel

Thursday, 11 September

Informal consultations

10 a.m. Item 112 Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

- Strengthening of external oversight mechanisms

Informal consultations

3 p.m. All outstanding issues

Friday, 12 September

Informal consultations

10 a.m. All outstanding issues

Plenary

3 p.m. Item 112 Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

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Item 141 Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Conclusion of the work of the Fifth Committee on the work of the third part of its fifty-first session

ANNEX I

Questions proposed for consideration during the third part of the resumed fifty-first session (8-12 September 1997)

Item 112 Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

- Gratis personnel

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities (A/51/688 and Corr.1 and A/51/688/Add.1-3)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/51/813)

- Strengthening of external oversight mechanisms

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the views of the Panel of External Auditors and the Board of Auditors on how oversight functions could be improved (A/49/471 and Corr.1);

Report of the Secretary-General on modalities for strengthening external oversight mechanisms (A/49/633)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the updated views of the Joint Inspection Unit on the strengthening of external oversight (A/51/674)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Board of Auditors on the implications of extending the term of office of members of the Board of Auditors (A/49/368 and Corr.1)

- Management in the United Nations

Documentation

- Report of the Secretary-General on the jurisdictional and procedural mechanisms for the proper management of the resources and funds of the United Nations (A/49/98 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2)

- Report of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts established pursuant to General Assembly

resolution 48/218 A on jurisdictional and procedural mechanisms for the proper management of the resources and funds of the United Nations (A/49/418)

Item 115 Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations (General Assembly decision 50/488) (A/51/43)

Item 116 Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997

- Construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa

Documentation

Reports of the Secretary-General on construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa (A/C.5/50/17 and A/C.5/51/37 and Add.1)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/51/7/Add.9)

Item 118 Pattern of conferences

- Facilitating access by developing countries to the optical disk system

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on facilitating access by developing countries to the optical disk system (General Assembly resolution 51/211 C) (A/C.5/51/56)

Item 119 Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

- Procedural aspects of the consideration of requests for exemption under Article 19

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Committee on Contributions on the work of its fifty-seventh session (General Assembly resolution 51/212 A) (A/51/11)

Item 141 Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B) (A/51/432)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the final reports produced by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B, para. 5 (e)) (A/51/530 and Corr.1)

Report of the Secretary-General prepared by the Office of Internal Oversight Services on enhancing the internal oversight mechanisms in operational funds and programmes (General Assembly resolution 48/218 B) (A/51/801)

ANNEX II

Questions proposed to be deferred to the fifty-second session of the General Assembly

Item 112 Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

- Comprehensive policy paper by the Secretary-General on additional expenditures referred to in annex I to General Assembly resolution 41/213, including those relating to the maintenance of peace and security, inflation and currency fluctuation

Documentation

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on issues related to the question of all additional expenditures referred to in paragraphs 10 and 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213, including those relating to the maintenance of peace and security, inflation and currency fluctuation (General Assembly resolution 51/220) (A/51/...)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Question*

Item 116 Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997

- Impact of approved savings measures on the implementation of mandated programmes and activities

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on mandated programmes and activities (A/C.5/51/53)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions*

- Travel and related expenses

Documentation

Report of the International Civil Service Commission (General Assembly decision 51/465)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions*

Item 118 Pattern of conferences

- Comprehensive survey of the role publications play in implementing mandates of intergovernmental bodies

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on United Nations publications: enhancing cost-effectiveness in implementing legislative mandates (General Assembly resolution 51/211 B (A/51/946)

Comments of the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit

Item 120 Human resources management

(a) Implementation of the Secretary-General's strategy for the management of the Organization's human resources and other human resources management issues

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the performance appraisal system (General Assembly resolution 51/226) (A/C.5/51/55)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions*

Item 124 Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission*

Documentation

Reports of the Secretary-General

Performance report for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1996 (A/51/494/Add.3)

Cost estimates for the United Nations Angola Verification Mission III/United Nations Observer Mission in Angola for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998*

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions*

Item 128 Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (A/49/714 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Report of the Board of Auditors on liquidation audit of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) (A/49/943)

Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive evaluation of all aspects of administration and management of UNTAC (A/51/777)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions*

Item 131 Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

Documentation

Performance report for the period 1 June 1994-15 November 1994 and report on the final disposition of assets (A/49/649/Add.3)

Performance report for the period 16 November 1994-31 March 1995 (A/51/807)

Updated final disposition of assets*

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions*

Item 140 Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General containing proposals on resources and structure to strengthen the functions of the lessons learned capacity and the sharing and application of experience gained in peacekeeping operations (General Assembly resolution 51/239)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[a]

Report of the Secretary-General on management of peacekeeping assets: field assets control system (General Assembly decision 50/500) (A/51/957)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[a]

Item 153 Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/519/Add.1, 2, 4 and 5)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[a]

Notes

[a] The report will be available for the fifty-second session of the General Assembly.

[b] Commitment authority until October 1997.